

# IWUG Online Meeting Minutes

## Policy and Partner Issues

April 2, 2015

### Topics discussed:

#### **Announcements**

##### **Department of Health and Welfare:**

*Rosie Andueza*

#### **Personnel Changes**

Michael Bartlett left DHW and moved to North Carolina. DHW is currently taking applications and the posting will close on Friday. In the meantime, Crystal Campbell, the ATR 4 coordinator has been filling in on some of the duties until the position can be filled. As many of you know, John Kirsh retired at the end of the year and his position has been filled by Ben Skaggs. Ben has a wide range of experience including working for providers and 19-2524 group. Ben is diving into the GAIN and credentialing. Ben will be the provider contact in place of John Kirsh.

#### **Town Hall Meetings for Rewrite of IDAPA Rules (SUD)**

Town Hall meetings have been held, and topics covered range from which sections are difficult for providers currently to which areas providers would like to see changes. Some meetings were short and had little participation but other meetings generated great discussion. There is still time to give feedback, but in order for the rules to be presented by next January, the rules must be published in October with all input submitted by July. DHW is putting together teams for strike and release language for implementation in June. Please contact Treena Clark as soon as possible and get feedback to her for inclusion and consideration.

#### **Change in Adult Population Criteria for Treatment**

About a month ago the criteria for the adult population was changed to be more readily accessible. DHW has seen significant increases in intake based on that change. Prior to the change, six to seven eligibles a month were standard. Now, in just over three weeks, forty-four new intakes have been created. The next priority for DHW based on the changes to this population will be implementation of outcome measurements to support additional funding requests and decisions based on treatment effectiveness. Currently there is no outcome data being collected. DHW is considering the implementation of the M-90 for this population to assist in collecting data. M-90s for this population will be due in about two months so time is a critical factor now. Follow-ups will be reimbursed.

#### **Budget Update**

The budget is discussed and distributed in regional board meetings. Changes in the population and services will be reflected in changes for the budget. There are some programs that are overspent and others that are significantly underspent currently. DHW is working to make sure the rest of this year is covered financially. The budget for Fiscal year 16 will be provided shortly.

*Crystal Campbell*

**ATR 4 Updates**

ATR 4 is progressing well. Currently there are 128 referrals with 57 child welfare, 66 homeless and 5 veterans. DHW is completing the GPRA certification training right now. The training will only be covering federal regulations. Clinical information on those questions has been uploaded to the WITS website. Certification training will be required for the GPRA, and at least one person from each agency will need to complete training in order to be certified. DHW has evaluated how the GPRAs are reimbursed, and if each question is asked face-to-face then it takes a lot longer. DHW is changing reimbursement which will follow the IOP rates. The follow-up interview will be changed to 18.60 for every 15 minutes. The additional incentive should help getting the follow-up assessments completed.

**Department of Corrections:**

*Not represented*

**Idaho Supreme Court:**

*Not represented*

**Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections:**

*Liza Clinger*

No new updates.

**BPA:**

*Sharon Burke*

**Completing Discharges**

There are a significant number of clients that have not had the discharge work completed in WITS. Discharge is important because it allows the partners to know who is active and who has been discharged, it allows successes to be reported to policy makers, it allows for required TEDS and NOMS reporting. BPA is asking providers to check their internal reports, and get all discharges completed. There is guidance on the WITS website on completing the discharges. If you have any additional issues, please contact the WITS Help Desk.

*Rosie Andueza-DHW*

The discharge, GPRA follow-up and the M-90 help identify what is happening with treatment and how well programs are functioning.

*Ladessa - BPA*

Discharge is a two-step process: the provider must complete the discharge and notify BPA of the discharge.